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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence

Community

SUBJECT: Warning Systems - Display Conferencing

(DISCON)

1. The NOIWON System was first suggested in April of 1973. Although it was technically operating within three weeks (at a cost of \$50.00), it took almost a year before it was operational in a bureaucratic sense.

- 2. The CONTEXT System, which adds a visual dimension to a voice conference, has been in development and test for almost six months and will be operational in a technical sense about the first of the year. Thereafter, user demonstrations and interagency coordination will be necessary to make the system truly operational.
- 3. In view of the lead times involved in those relatively simple systems I would like to start as early as possible on DISCON, which would add another visual dimension to CONTEXT. DISCON would include the following kinds of displays which could be called up on demand for discussion in a CONTEXT type of conference:
  - a. Indication lists done on the decision stairway format (time vs. probability), including a provision for our own decisions and actions as well as hostile decisions and actions.
  - b. Map overlays, including a dynamic pointing and sketching capability.
  - c. A chronograph of actions of opponents (including US and/or between secondary parties) for purposes of pattern recognition among conferring analysts.

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	4. A planned program for DISCON should be initiated including estimates of in-house and contractor manpower and money.
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